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Senate Bill No. 229

Senate, March 26, 2018

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MARTIN of the 31st Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 5-224 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2018*):

3 Any veteran who served in time of war, if such veteran is not
4 eligible for disability compensation or pension from the United States
5 through the Veterans' Administration, or the spouse of such veteran
6 who by reason of such veteran's disability is unable to pursue gainful
7 employment, or the unmarried surviving spouse of such veteran, and
8 if such person has attained at least the minimum earned rating on any
9 examination held for an original appointment for the purpose of
10 establishing a candidate list to fill a vacancy in accordance with
11 subsection (d) of section 5-228, shall have five points added to his or
12 her earned rating. Any such veteran, or the spouse of such veteran
13 who by reason of such veteran's disability is unable to pursue gainful

14 employment, or the unmarried surviving spouse of such veteran, if
15 such person is eligible for such disability compensation or pension and
16 if [he or she] such person has attained at least the minimum earned
17 rating on any such examination held for an original appointment for
18 the purpose of establishing a candidate list to fill a vacancy in
19 accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228, shall have ten points
20 added to his or her earned rating. Any person who has been honorably
21 discharged from or released under honorable conditions from active
22 service in the armed forces of the United States, and who has served in
23 a military action for which such person received or was entitled to
24 receive a campaign badge or expeditionary medal, shall have five
25 points added to his or her earned rating if such person has attained at
26 least the minimum earned rating on any such examination held for an
27 original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to
28 fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228 and
29 such person is not otherwise eligible to receive additional points
30 pursuant to this section. Any person who is a member of the armed
31 forces, as defined in section 27-103, and who is in the final year of an
32 enlistment contract with any branch of the armed forces shall have five
33 points added to his or her earned rating if such person has attained at
34 least the minimum earned rating on any such examination held for an
35 original appointment for the purpose of establishing a candidate list to
36 fill a vacancy in accordance with subsection (d) of section 5-228.
37 Names of any such persons shall be placed upon the candidate lists in
38 the order of such augmented ratings. Credits shall be based upon
39 examinations with a possible rating of one hundred points.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

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| Section 1 | October 1, 2018 | 5-224 |
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VA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill, which provides a five point bonus on civil service examinations for specified members of the armed services, does not result in a fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 229*****AN ACT CONCERNING MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill gives five bonus points to certain armed forces members who achieve a passing score on initial state and municipal civil service examinations. Under the bill, to be eligible, the service member must be in the final year of an enlistment contract with any branch of the armed forces. Existing law provides similar benefits to certain wartime veterans.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2018

BACKGROUND***Civil Service Exam Benefit for Wartime Veterans***

By law, a wartime veteran eligible for or receiving Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation or pension receives 10 bonus points on initial state and municipal civil service examinations; a wartime veteran ineligible for VA disability compensation or pension is eligible for five bonus points (CGS §§ 5-224 and 7-415).

By law, if an honorably discharged or released veteran has served in a military action and received or is entitled to receive a campaign badge or expeditionary medal and is not otherwise eligible to receive bonus points, he or she qualifies for five bonus points if he or she receives passing grade on the examination (CGS § 5-224).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/14/2018)